107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION **H. R. 581**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

Mr. HEFLEY (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. USE OF WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT FUNDS TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS.

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